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Subject: Meeting Forward Notification: Alaska Roadless Rule, Water & Brief before Governor Martinez
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Meeting

Alaska Roadless Rule, Water & Brief before Governor Martinez

Meeting Time

Friday, April 20, 2018 10:00 AM-11:00 AM.

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To: (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC Secretary Perdue
Cc: [Crandall, Doug -](#)
Subject: Re: Summary on Memorandum of Understanding between State of Alaska and USDA for Roadless Rulemaking Effort
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 12:02:36 PM

Thanks for the reply Mr. Secretary. (b)(5) pre-decisional deliberative

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I will be back to you later to (b)(5) pre-decisional deliberative

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Thanks again and (b)(5) pre-decisional deliberative

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Dan

From: (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC" (b) (6) [@osec.usda.gov](mailto:(b)(6)@osec.usda.gov)> Secretary Perdue
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 6:52:55 AM
To: "Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Dan.Jiron@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: "Crandall, Doug -" <dcrandall@fs.fed.us>
Subject: Re: Summary on Memorandum of Understanding between State of Alaska and USDA for Roadless Rulemaking Effort

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From: "Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Dan.Jiron@osec.usda.gov>
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 5:49:30 PM
To: (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC" (b) (6) [@osec.usda.gov](mailto:(b)(6)@osec.usda.gov)> Secretary Perdue
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Subject: Summary on Memorandum of Understanding between State of Alaska and USDA

for Roadless Rulemaking Effort

Mr. Secretary –

I know that you have been sent a draft news release on Alaska... (b)(5) pre-decisional deliberative

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[REDACTED] Let me know if you need more or concerned about the track we are on at this point. Thanks,

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From: [Christiansen, Victoria C -FS](#)
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Cc: [Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Hubbard, Jim - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Forest Service Update - September 30th, 2018
Date: Sunday, September 30, 2018 8:48:20 PM
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I'd be happy to visit with you more on this. ~Vicki



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Subject: Re: Forest Service Update - September 30th, 2018

Thanks Chief. (b)(5) pre-decisional deliberative

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To: (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC **Secretary Perdue**

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Subject: Forest Service Update - September 30th, 2018

Mr. Secretary, Here is an update about issues and progress from USDA Forest Service:

Wildland Fire Update – The national preparedness level (PL) was lowered to PL 2. The change is due to national decrease of resource commitment and fire activity along with improved fuel conditions as a result of precipitation and higher humidity in many areas of the West. There is a continuation of warm, dry and windy conditions in the Central Rockies and Great Basin which allowed several fires to burn actively over the weekend. Containment continues to slowly increase on most of the current active fires. Moisture from Hurricane Rosa will likely impact much of the Southwest and parts of the Central Rockies in the next several days. Flooding is possible in many areas. I talked with Congressman Curtis of Utah regarding the situation with the Pole Creek and Bald Mountain fires and assured him that we were conducting a full review of the decisions made on those fires and committed to an “all-lands” coordinated approach for restoration of the burned area on both public and private lands.

Timber Volume Sold – As of Thursday September 27th we sold 3.13 billion board feet (bbf) of timber for FY 2018 (91% accomplished). This is the first time in over 20 years that we have sold above 3.0 bbf.....1997 was the last time. There was more bid openings on Friday and our field units have the month of October to capture and “add volume” from existing timber sales so this should put us above 3.2 bbf when everything settles out. We offered for sale more than 3.4 bbf of timber but received “no bids” on over 200,000 bf. We are doing an analysis of the specific reasons for the “no bids” but know that one reason is due to the lack of markets and processing infrastructure in some areas but other reasons are the mix of products that we are offering. We will make needed adjustments so we can reduce the amount of “no bids.”

The Forest Service Retiree Board of Directors very much appreciated your visit with them last week at their reunion. They are being helpful with their recommendations and advice about our process improvement and reform work as well as changing the Forest Service culture. They are very willing to be an informal Board of Directors for this work and helping to establish key metrics and benchmarks. I will continue to work with them on these important reforms.

Public Lands Council - On Friday I engaged with hundreds of cattle and sheep producers who hold public lands grazing permits at the Public Lands Council annual meeting in Utah. I sent the message that we are not doing “business as usual” and we are committed to improving our customer service and building closer relationships with grazing permittees. I communicated our goal to have more effective and efficient management solutions to emerging issues with public land grazing by using outcome-based grazing standards instead of prescriptive compliance based standards. The message and commitment was well received.

Alaska Roadless Rulemaking is on track and running on schedule. The Forest Service has just completed 17 public meetings across Alaska in the past two weeks and cooperation between the State and Forest Service is going well. There is a public meeting in Washington DC. this week that

will be hosted by Chris French, acting Deputy Chief for National Forest System, and Alaska Deputy Commissioner for Dept. of Natural Resources. The initial comment period for scoping closes Oct. 15th and we are expecting large letter writing campaigns. There is fairly consistent opposition by environmental groups such as Wilderness Society and Southeast Alaska Conservation Council.

Notice of Intent to Amend Sage Grouse plans will go out next week. The Forest Land Management Plans will be amended in all National Forests in Utah, Nevada, Wyoming and Idaho so they align better with the states priorities. This will include addressing rancher concerns over strict prescriptions for allotments and ensure access to mineral development opportunities all while balancing conservation of the sage grouse habitat.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. ~Vicki



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To: Christiansen, Victoria C -FS
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Subject: Re: Forest Service Update
Date: Friday, August 3, 2018 10:06:02 AM
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On Aug 3, 2018, at 9:53 AM, Christiansen, Victoria C -FS <vcchristiansen@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Mr. Secretary, Here are some high level updates from the Forest Service.

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]--> There is significant fire activity across much of the west, especially California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado and Texas and the Great Basin. We went to National Preparedness Level 5 (PL5 is the highest level) on July 27th which is very early (PL5 began last year on August 13th).
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->a. <!--[endif]-->The majority of the large fires started on state protection or Department of Interior protection. That will likely change over the next few weeks as the higher elevations dry out and fires starting on National Forest System lands will increase.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->b. <!--[endif]-->Firefighting resources are limited and it is now an "all-hands-on deck" situation. Crews and overhead resources (on the ground fire leaders such as resource boss and strike team leaders) are the most limited. Through an MOU with Australia and Canada we are bringing 146 overhead personnel from these countries. In partnership with DOD, the National Interagency Fire Center is activating half of a battalion from the army (120 personnel) and they will start their basic wildland firefighter training this weekend. California and Oregon are activating National Guard as well.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->c. <!--[endif]-->The Carr Fire (127,000 acres) east of Redding is a State of California/National Park Service Fire. The fire will soon be on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest and estimated containment is on August 10th. 1,553 structures have been lost including 4 homes of USDA FS employees. Over 200 additional employees are impacted by damage to their homes or being evacuated. Our folks are pulling together and supporting each other by taking evacuees into their homes, keeping animals etc.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->d. <!--[endif]-->Another significant fire affecting a large number of people is the Mendocino Complex Fire (125,000 acres)in CA. This is on state protection and there are 15,000 people

evacuated. It is expected that the fire will move onto the Mendocino National Forest.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->e. <!--[endif]-->With this amount of activity we are running low on available suppression funds and are expected to start fire transfer from our other accounts in about 2 week. We are well coordinated with OPBA and OMB and have properly notified Congress.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->f. <!--[endif]-->Four firefighter's have paid the ultimate price this year with the loss of their life. The firefighters are from City of Redding, CalFire, National Park Service and a private contractor. The Carr Fire also had private citizen fatalities.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->As you know we signed the MOU with the State of Alaska yesterday officially initiating the rule making process for the state specific roadless rule. We are poised to execute on your commitment to the Governor and the Senator. I've copied the Alaska Congressional Delegation press release below.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->August 16th is confirmed for the event on the Hill where you will make an announcement about the new Shared Stewardship approach for Forest Management. We are working on the run of show and other details now.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->Finally, just to let you know that I'm in Colville Washington yesterday and today with Congresswoman McMorris-Rodgers seeing the innovative work the Colville National Forest the local communities, and the private sector mills are taking in increasing Forest Management. The roundtable discussions with the community and visits to the field and the mills are going very well.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Best, ~Vicki

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August 2, 2018

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Alaska Delegation Welcomes Agreement Launching Work on Alaska Roadless Rule

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan and Rep. Don Young, all R-Alaska, today released the following statements after the State of Alaska and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to officially initiate the rulemaking process to develop an Alaska-specific Roadless Rule, ensuring greater access to our national forests.

“As I have said many times before, the Roadless Rule has never made sense in Alaska. I welcome today’s announcement, which will help put us on a path to ensure the Tongass is once again a working forest and a multiple use forest for all who live in southeast,” **Murkowski said**. “I thank Secretary Perdue for recognizing the need for economic relief in these communities, and look forward to continuing to work with the administration, state officials, Sen. Sullivan, and Congressman Young to see this process through to the finish line.”

“I welcome this first step to set forest management and the economy of Southeast Alaska back on track,” **Sullivan said**. “The Roadless Rule as applied to Alaska doesn’t work—it doesn’t work for our timber or mining industries and it doesn’t work for hydro and other renewable energy development either. As even the Supreme Court has recognized, Alaska is different. I am glad the Forest Service is committed to work with the State of Alaska and the people affected by its policies to create a more workable regulation that can provide for responsible development.”

“I have always maintained that the roadless rule does not work in Alaska. It not only violates ANILCA, but it has made the timber industry in Southeast Alaska difficult to sustain,” **Young said**. “This one-size-fits-all approach doesn’t account for Alaska’s unique history and geography. I thank Secretary Perdue for his leadership and look forward to continuing to work with him, as well as my colleagues in Congress, to ensure Alaska’s national forests are properly managed.”

The MOU signing comes roughly a month after [Secretary Perdue’s visit](#) with Murkowski to Prince of Wales Island, which allowed him to see firsthand the challenges presented by a “one-size-fits all” Roadless Rule. During his trip, Perdue heard directly from community leaders about the need to have a working forest that allows for multiple use to build a stronger, more sustainable economy in southeast Alaska.

The Tongass, which is the nation’s largest national forest, spans 16.7 million acres, but federal regulatory restrictions, particularly the Roadless Rule, are impacting access for timber, hunting, mining, recreation, and even renewable energy development. The result is a weaker regional economy, as local communities face higher energy costs and fewer employment opportunities.

A notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the rulemaking will be published in the Federal Register this summer, and will provide an opportunity for local stakeholders to weigh in during the process.

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Subject: Accepted: Alaska Roadless Rule & Water

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To: [Crandall, Doug - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [French, Chris -FS](#); [Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Mulach, Ronald - OGC](#); [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Tooke, Tony - FS](#); [Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Alaska petition
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018 8:05:32 PM

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> On Jan 18, 2018, at 6:46 PM, Crandall, Doug - OSEC, Washington, DC <Doug.Crandall@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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> Doug

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From: [Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [\(b\) \(6\) - OSEC, Washington, DC](#) Secretary Perdue
Subject: Re: Update from the Forest Service - June 23, 2018
Date: Sunday, June 24, 2018 4:33:48 PM

Thanks also I'll work to keep us on task on it and when I go back to FS.

From: [\(b\) \(6\) - OSEC, Washington, DC](#) [\(b\) \(6\)@osec.usda.gov](#) Secretary Perdue
Date: Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 10:39:17 AM
To: "Christiansen, Victoria C -FS" <vcchristiansen@fs.fed.us>
Cc: "Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Raymond.Starling@osec.usda.gov>, "Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Dan.Jiron@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Update from the Forest Service - June 23, 2018

Thanks for updates. [\(b\)\(5\) pre-decisional deliberative](#) Let's showem what we're made of.

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On Jun 23, 2018, at 6:16 PM, Christiansen, Victoria C -FS <vcchristiansen@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Mr. Secretary, We have policy briefing time with you on Monday about USDA-FS progress in reforming and reshaping the way we get work done [\(b\)\(5\) DPP; AWP Privilege; AC Privilege](#)

Here are a few high level updates from the Forest Service:

1. Thank you for all your work and leadership on the Tongass National Forest roadless rule situation. I can assure you that I have directed my staff to execute on our commitments to work with Alaska for a state-specific roadless rule process in a timely and expeditious fashion. I take to heart the commitment you made to Senator Murkowski and Governor Walker.
2. We are making good progress on the wildfires on National Forest System lands and there has been light activity since we briefed you earlier in the week. Nationally we are slightly below the number of fires and acres burned as this time last year. We are still projecting an active fire year ahead.
3. We have nearly completed the "stand up for each other" training sessions where every employee was trained about the new Anti-Harassment policy and a received the expectations in the Code of Conduct. We are still analyzing the feedback but so far about 85% of the employees had a positive response to the training.

Thank you Mr. Secretary. I look forward to seeing you on Monday. With Regards,
~Vicki

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Cc: [Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Update from the Forest Service
Date: Friday, June 8, 2018 2:00:58 PM
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Mr. Secretary, I want to share my sincere appreciation and feedback for the outstanding Customer Experience Leadership Summit yesterday. It was a no nonsense, authentic and uplifting approach to becoming faster, friendlier and easier at USDA. Our entire leadership team also thought the summit and the approach to improving our customer service was well done and we are "all in."

In addition to the feedback and commitment about Customer Experience, I wanted to provide a few updates from the Forest Service:

1. First, thank you for your help and leadership on the Alaska roadless rule situation. The agreement you were able to secure with Governor Walker to pursue a state-specific rule to address concerns on the Tongass National Forest is extremely helpful and we are moving out to work closely with the state to develop a swift and collaborative process. Senator Murkowski did ask me about the state petition at my hearing this week. She would like to meet with you to discuss and I recommend that you consider taking that meeting. I know that Dan and Brian will be talking with you about this.
2. I had two oversight hearings this week about the wildfire outlook and our progress in implementing the new forest management reforms and improving forest conditions. They were with the Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee and the House Committee on Natural Resources, Public Lands Subcommittee. They both went well and I'm establishing some good relationships in both chambers. I'm feeling comfortable however there are always improvements I can make.
3. We continue to push forward on reforming and reshaping the way we get work done and using effective investments to get more work done to improve forest conditions. We have a briefing with you scheduled in a couple weeks to update you about this priority.
4. I also want to assure you that we are following-up with the Northern New Mexico Stockman's Association regarding their concerns about sustaining livestock grazing.
5. There are two things I would like to share in regards to improving our work environment. First, is the high level themes of what we heard from the "Listen and Learn" sessions that were held throughout the agency in April and early May. Employees say there is cultural change needed in the Agency. Employees are tired and weary that this may be "just another imitative" without change or results BUT they were cautiously optimistic, feeling some relief and appreciation that our current work environment will be addressed. They also cautioned about over reacting and feared the Forest Service might no longer be the family oriented agency they are accustomed to. Employees asked for a commitment from leadership to rebuild trust with employees and asked for accountability at all levels of the organization. There is a perception by employees that offenders do not get punished, but rather moved around or given "disciplinary promotions" and there is a perceived lack of transparency in how complaints are handled. Employees expressed the general need for more guidance and

support from Agency leadership AND they state that “we” – all employees – have a role in making the workplace better. They stated that the fear of retaliation leads to little reporting and that harassment is not happening everywhere. The second thing I would like to share is what we are doing next week where every employee will take part in a full-day session called “Stand Up for Each Other.” They will have mandatory anti-harassment training and will receive a new code of conduct. The design of these sessions was informed by what we learned in the listening sessions.

Mr. Secretary, I would like to share one last bit of feedback in regards to your remarks at The Nature Conservancy Leadership Forum this week. I talked to several trustee’s and TNC leaders throughout the week and your sincere remarks were resoundingly well received and greatly appreciated. For that I also say thank you!

With regards, ~Vicki



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Subject: Fwd: Twin Metals leases: two new complaints filed in D. D.C. USDA is not a party
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 7:25:44 PM
Attachments: [Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness v. BLM, No. 18-cv-1499 \(D.D.C.\).pdf](#)
[Wilderness Society v. Zinke, No. 18-cv-1496 \(D.D.C.\).pdf](#)

Mr. Secretary,

These law suits are against DOI on the twin metals portion. (b)(5) pre-decisional deliberative
[REDACTED] Keeping you updated.

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Dan

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Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:50:59 PM
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Subject: Twin Metals leases: two new complaints filed in D. D.C. USDA is not a party

Two new complaints challenging Twin Metal lease reinstatement filed today in D. D.C. USDA is not a party.

Friends of the Boundary Waters

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Wilderness Society

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Cc: [Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC](#); [Crowe, Taylor - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Items for Your Review
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 11:47:05 AM

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Subject: News Clips 7.7.2018
Date: Saturday, July 7, 2018 9:12:31 AM

[USDA Sec. Perdue: Logging, other Southeast industries not 'mutually-exclusive' \(Juneau Empire\)](#)

After visiting timber industry sites in Southeast Alaska on Thursday, U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said he'd like to alter federal law to allow more logging in the Tongass National Forest. Perdue, the highest ranking official at the agency overseeing the U.S. Forest Service, toured logging companies and two timber stands on Thursday at the invitation of U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski. He told reporters afterward he hopes to develop an "Alaska-specific" version of the 2001 roadless rule, which bans logging and road building on national forest lands where roads have not been built. The rule applies to 50 million acres in the Tongass.

[FOX AK Speaks With U.S. Secretary Of Agriculture Perdue & U.S. Senator Murkowski During Tongass Tour \(Fox/ABC Alaska\)](#)

Anchorage, AK – FOX Alaska had the opportunity to speak with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, during their Prince of Wales Island tour in the Tongass National Forest, about their shared experiences. U.S. Senator Murkowski hosted our U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in the region, which offered the Secretary a chance to see first-hand the largest national forest in our nation, and to hear from local stakeholders about their needs and concerns.

[Sue Lani Madsen: Farmer to farmer with Ag Secretary Sonny Perdue \(Spokesman Review\)](#)

Monday's smorgasbord of questions to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers in Colfax was hosted by the McGregor Co., a supplier of seed, fertilizer, equipment and expertise to Palouse producers. Perdue took the stage and described his Georgia farmer credentials but made it clear he was there to learn what Pacific Northwest farmers have on their minds. About 120 people filled the tiered training room ready to be the teachers. Access to markets is a top priority for both the Washington Association of Wheat Growers and the National Association of Wheat Growers. But the first question from the audience wasn't about trade.



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From: [Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [\(b\) \(6\) - OSEC, Washington, DC](#) Secretary Perdue
Cc: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Utah Petition for Rulemaking LTR
Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 10:46:05 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Gov Herbert LTR Utah Petition for Rulemaking.pdf](#)

Mr. Secretary,

I'm drawing your attention to a letter from Governor Herbert of Utah. I know that we have on the schedule a call with the Governor of Alaska coming up but wanted to make you aware of this most recent request. Governor Herbert also wrote you a personal note and I attached the letter PDF to this email. We will be drafting a response. In this letter he does not specifically request state specific rulemaking for roadless, he does allude to that possibility. This is for information.. Thanks,

Dan Jiron
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George Ervin "Sonny" Perdue
Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue,
S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250
Subject: Petition for Rulemaking to Establish New Management Provisions for Utah's Inventoried Roadless Areas

Dear Secretary Perdue,

As the Governor of Utah, I appreciate the time and attention you have given to refine public land management in your first year as Secretary. Under your leadership, we have seen greater cooperation between the State and the U.S. Forest Service to the benefit of the public and their lands. As is the case with other Western states, abundant public lands are one of Utah's most treasured attributes, and as such, require effective and active management.

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We as a State look forward to participating in this process and are available to answer any questions you or your staff may have. Please direct any written correspondence to the Office of the Governor at P.O. Box 142220 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114, or call us at 801-538-1505 to discuss any questions or concerns.

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Gary R. Herbert
Governor



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May 24, 2018

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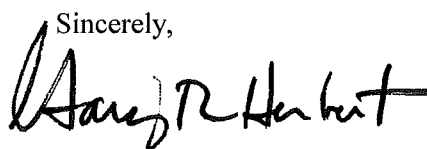
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*Thanks for your service!
Keep up the great work and
if we can help - don't
hesitate to ask.*

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

¹ See 5 U.S.C. § 553(e) and 7 C.F.R. § 1.28

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To: **(b) (6)** [OSEC, Washington, DC](#) [Secretary Perdue](#)
Cc: [Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Package of materials for outcome based landscape stewardship roll out
Date: Monday, August 13, 2018 5:37:51 PM
Attachments: [FINAL DRAFT Press Release Shared stewardship 08_13.docx](#)
[Policy time briefing paper - Shared Stewardship announcement.docx](#)
[Run of Show 08_13 b.docx](#)
[Secretary's announcement Executive Summary on the Strategy for Shared Stewardship.docx](#)
[Shared Stewardship report_080818.pdf](#)

Mr. Secretary,

Attached are briefing materials that will be presented to you on Thursday for the Shared Stewardship event on the hill. Below I included the policy time template and a draft news release that will reach you from OC. I apologize for the number of attachments, and the PDF included is the report itself. On Thursday Doug Crandall with the support of OCR will lead you through the event itself. I know that it's a busy week, but wanted you to have some background as the week progressed. Thanks,

Dan Jiron
Acting Deputy Under Secretary
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To: The Secretary
From: Daniel James Jiron, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment
Date: August 13, 2018
Re: USDA Forest Service Strategy for Improving Forest Conditions – August 16 announcement

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Cc: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Fwd: Policy Brief_ Alaska
Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 4:51:20 PM
Attachments: [Alaska memo 5-9-18.docx](#)

Sir:

Below is the briefing paper we will be using to update you on Alaska in the morning. I also shared it with Lauren.

Thanks,

Dan

To: The Secretary
From: Daniel James Jiron, Acting Deputy Under Secretary,
Natural Resources and Environment
Date: May 8, 2018
Re: Alaska Rulemaking Petition

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To: "Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Dan.Jiron@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Policy Brief_ Alaska

From: (b) (6) [OSEC, Washington, DC](#) Secretary Perdue
To: [Lockwood, Amanda - OSEC](#); [Caro, Juan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Catch up with U/S Hubbard
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Subject: Catch up with U/S Hubbard
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From: (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC Secretary Perdue
To: Christiansen, Victoria C -FS
Cc: Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC; Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Re: Forest Service Status Update -May 13
Date: Monday, May 21, 2018 2:38:51 PM

Thanks Chief. I look forward to visiting soon.

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> On May 13, 2018, at 1:27 PM, Christiansen, Victoria C -FS <vcchristiansen@fs.fed.us> wrote:

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> Mr. Secretary, Here is a high level update from the Forest Service:

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> 1). Thank you for hosting members of Congress for the 2018 Fire Outlook briefing and roundtable discussion this week. I hear very clearly that the ball is in our court to get more work done on the ground and I'm committed to doing just that working with State Foresters, DOI and other partners.

> 2). On May 2nd I joined Senator Crapo, Senator Risch, Senator Wyden and Congressman Simpson for a Fire Outlook briefing and press conference at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise. They were very appreciative that I came out on your behalf.

> 3). In the past two weeks I have visited with four employee groups articulating my expectations about improvement and accountability for our Work Environment AND the expectations for streamlining work processes and getting more done on the ground with new authorities etc.

> 4). On one of those trips I had a good interview with California National Public Radio about our efforts to improve the Work Environment and the Fire Funding Fix.

> 5). I'm working closely with our team on the Alaska roadless situation and preparing materials for you to talk with the Governor. I will be checking in with the Alaska State Forester, Chris Maisch, when I visit with the Council of Western State Foresters later this week.

> 6). I'm heading out to California today (Sunday) for a field tour on Monday hosted by Congressman McClintock, along with representatives of the Forest products industry, to discuss the serious tree mortality situation in CA.

> 7). I had a good meeting with the delegation of Forest Service retirees after they met with you. We are joining forces to work across federal agencies to streamline assessment and approvals for the Endangered Species Act and other federal laws.

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> Mr. Secretary, I would like to express a sincere thank you for your leadership on the fire funding fix. I know you said at the reception that "the football was fumbled in the end zone and you just fell on it," but your focused efforts and leadership was far more than scoring on a fumble in the end zone.....you made the difference in getting it done once and for all! With appreciation, ~Vicki

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> Vicki Christiansen

> Interim Chief

> USDA Forest Service

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From: [Pick, Rachel - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: (b) (6) Secretary Perdue
Cc: [Crowe, Taylor - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Schedule for Monday, October 2, 2017
Date: Monday, October 2, 2017 12:21:39 AM
Attachments: [Deregulation Summit Memo v11.docx](#)
[170927 - Cut the Red Tape Event Memo + Edits.docx](#)
[Cutting Red Tape -- Template Slide Deck_Final.pptx](#)
[DELIBERATIVE Cut the Red Tape USDA Listening Session Event Brief v.3.docx](#)
[Event Briefing Murkowski_Oct2.docx](#)
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Good evening Mr. Secretary,

I hope you had a great weekend. Below is your schedule for Monday. We'll keep you posted of any changes that may occur.

Thank you!

-Rachel

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To: [\(b\) \(6\) - OSEC, Washington, DC](#) [Secretary Perdue](#)
Subject: Accepted: Alaska Roadless Rule & Water

From: [Gordon, Julie - OSEC](#) on behalf of [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [\(b\) \(6\) - OSEC, Washington, DC](#) [Secretary Perdue](#)
Subject: Accepted: Alaska Roadless Rule, Water & Brief before Governor Martinez

From: [Mulach, Ronald - OGC](#)
To: [\(b\) \(6\) - OSEC, Washington, DC](#) [Secretary Perdue](#)
Subject: Accepted: FW: Alaska Roadless Rule, Water & Brief before Governor Martinez

From: (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC Secretary Perdue
To: Christiansen, Victoria C -FS
Cc: Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC; Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Re: Forest Service Updates - August 25, 2018
Date: Saturday, August 25, 2018 8:25:58 PM
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Thank you for the briefing.

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On Aug 25, 2018, at 6:20 PM, Christiansen, Victoria C -FS <vcchristiansen@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Mr. Secretary, Here are some brief updates about high profile projects and issues at USDA Forest Service:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]--> **Wildfire Situation:** New large fire starts have moderated but there is still significant fire in Washington, Oregon and Northern California. The Great Basin and Northern Rockies also have a number of fires but progress is being made. Today there are 115 large fires that have burned 2.2 million acres in 14 states with 23,800 personnel responding. 62 of these large fires are primarily on USDA Forest Service jurisdiction. We are still at Preparedness Level 5 with a shortage of firefighting resources causing prioritization of resources. Temperatures across the Pacific Northwest and Northern California will begin to cool as an unseasonably strong upper level trough begins to dip south from British Columbia and this could cause strong winds at the south end of the trough in Northern California and Nevada.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]--> **Alaska Roadless Rule:** The publication of Alaska Roadless Rule Notice of Intent for rulemaking will be published in the Federal Register next week. This will begin a 45-day period during which we will accept public comments on the scope of the environmental impact statement and rulemaking process to address management of inventoried roadless areas on National Forest System lands in Alaska. Tribal consultations and public meetings will be held in southeast Alaska, Anchorage, and Washington D.C. in September and October to listen and provide information to stakeholders and the public. The State of Alaska is on board and by the end of the week they will issue an Administrative Order initiating their public engagement process and convening a stakeholder group to develop concepts to submit to the Forest Service. We are on schedule and making sure appropriate activities run concurrently so the timeline doesn't slip.

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<!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->**Union County Georgia Shooting Range** – A timeline and milestones have been established for the environmental clearances and issuance of a special use permit. The timeline is co-dependent and is relying on coordinated work with Georgia DNR, Union County and other partners. The Forest Service is using a contractor to speed up the environmental analysis and with support from the state and county the special use permit can be issued this time next year. We have assigned a project manager to ensure all milestones are coordinate and on delivered on time. This project will likely receive a high degree of public interest as past shooting range permits in the area have been highly controversial and litigated. The Forest will maintain frequent communication with the County and Congressional Delegation. This is a priority for the Acting Regional Forester, Ken Arney, and I have asked for regular updates.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Best, ~Vicki

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Subject: Accepted: Alaska Roadless Rule, Water & Brief before Governor Martinez

From: [Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: (b) (6) [OSEC, Washington, DC](#) Secretary Perdue
Subject: Re: Alaska Delegation Welcomes Agreement Launching Work on Alaska Roadless Rule
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Date: Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 6:38:19 PM
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Subject: Re: Alaska Delegation Welcomes Agreement Launching Work on Alaska Roadless Rule

Good response. Let's make'm proud.

From: "Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Dan.Jiron@osec.usda.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 3:59:02 PM
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Subject: Alaska Delegation Welcomes Agreement Launching Work on Alaska Roadless Rule



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August 2, 2018
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Alaska Delegation Welcomes Agreement Launching Work on Alaska Roadless Rule

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan and Rep. Don Young, all R-Alaska, today released the following statements after the State of Alaska and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to officially initiate the rulemaking process to develop an Alaska-specific Roadless Rule, ensuring greater access to our national forests.

“As I have said many times before, the Roadless Rule has never made sense in Alaska. I welcome today’s announcement, which will help put us on a path to ensure the Tongass is once again a working forest and a multiple use forest for all who live in southeast,” **Murkowski said.** “I thank Secretary Perdue for recognizing the need for economic relief in these communities, and look forward to continuing to work with the administration, state officials, Sen. Sullivan, and Congressman Young to see this process through to the finish line.”

“I welcome this first step to set forest management and the economy of Southeast Alaska back on track,” **Sullivan said.** “The Roadless Rule as applied to Alaska doesn’t work—it doesn’t work for our timber or mining industries and it doesn’t work for hydro and other renewable energy development either. As even the Supreme Court has recognized, Alaska is different. I am glad the Forest Service is committed to work with the State of Alaska and the people affected by its policies to create a more workable regulation that can provide for responsible development.”

“I have always maintained that the roadless rule does not work in Alaska. It not only violates ANILCA, but it has made the timber industry in Southeast Alaska difficult to sustain,” **Young said.** “This one-size-fits-all approach doesn’t account for Alaska’s unique history and geography. I thank Secretary Perdue for his leadership and look forward to continuing to work with him, as well as my colleagues in Congress, to ensure Alaska’s national forests are properly managed.”

The MOU signing comes roughly a month after [Secretary Perdue’s visit](#) with Murkowski to Prince of Wales Island, which allowed him to see firsthand the challenges presented by a “one-size-fits all” Roadless Rule. During his trip, Perdue heard directly from community leaders about the need to have a working forest that allows for multiple use to build a stronger, more sustainable economy in southeast Alaska.

The Tongass, which is the nation’s largest national forest, spans 16.7 million acres, but federal regulatory restrictions, particularly the Roadless Rule, are impacting access for timber, hunting, mining, recreation, and even renewable energy development. The result is a weaker regional economy, as local communities face higher energy costs and fewer employment opportunities.

A notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the rulemaking will be published in the Federal Register this summer, and will provide an opportunity for local stakeholders to weigh in during the process.

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From: [Iris Korhonen-Penn](#)
To: ["Sonny.Perdue@osec.usda.gov"](mailto:Sonny.Perdue@osec.usda.gov)
Cc: [Holly Harris](#)
Subject: Letter Opposing State of Alaska's Roadless Petition
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 6:13:55 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Sec. Perdue Opposing State Petition, 4-10-18.pdf](#)

Dear Secretary Perdue,

Please see the attached letter opposing State of Alaska's petition for rulemaking to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule.

Please contact Holly Harris, (b) (6) @earthjustice.org, with any questions.

Sincerely,

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April 10, 2018

Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue,

On behalf of millions of people across the country, we write to oppose the State of Alaska's petition for rulemaking to exempt the Tongass National Forest in Alaska from the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (the Roadless Rule or the Rule). Granting the petition will mire the U.S.

Department of Agriculture (USDA) in an exhaustive and unnecessary controversy. We urge you to deny the petition and maintain the Roadless Rule's important legacy of protecting our country's roadless areas.

The Roadless Rule, one of our country's most important conservation laws, was the product of three years of deliberation, more than one million public comments, and a robust administrative review of options for managing and protecting the approximately 58.5 million acres of inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System. USDA concluded inventoried roadless areas serve numerous important functions, including providing unparalleled recreational and business opportunities, drinking water sources for millions of Americans, and habitat important to the long-term survival of innumerable fish and wildlife populations. USDA also concluded that the Rule responded to serious environmental, human safety, and fiscal concerns relating to the \$8.4 billion maintenance backlog on the existing forest road system.¹ USDA's thoughtful and deliberate approach to the Roadless Rule has withstood decades of legal challenges and stands as a lasting contribution to our country's conservation efforts.

In contrast, the State of Alaska's petition perpetuates stale, tired efforts by Roadless Rule opponents to mischaracterize the Rule's actual scope and effect. The petition ignores the fact that USDA narrowly tailored the Roadless Rule to limit only two activities in roadless areas, road construction/reconstruction and logging, because those activities pose the greatest likelihood of irretrievably altering and fragmenting roadless landscapes.² The petition also ignores the Rule's series of established exceptions that "honor existing law or address social or economic concerns."³ Most importantly, for example, the State of Alaska ignores the fact that the Roadless Rule already allows for road connections between communities and other state highway projects, access to mining claims under the General Mining Law of 1872, and logging incidental to otherwise permitted activities, including utility corridors and hydropower projects.⁴ As the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service) itself recently noted, "[a]s of January 2018, 55 projects within roadless areas in Alaska have been submitted for Secretarial or Chief's review and all have been approved. . . . Under the current review process, most projects are approved by the Chief of the Forest Service within a month of submission."⁵

The State of Alaska's decision to ignore all of the Roadless Rule's existing exemptions makes it clear that the real purpose of the petition is to allow logging in the roadless portions of the Tongass. This poorly-veiled effort aims to prop up an industrial-scale old-growth logging program that has only one remaining mid-sized mill and contributed less than one percent in

¹ See generally Roadless Area Conservation Rule, 66 Fed. Reg. 3,244, 3,244–48 (Jan. 12, 2001).

² *Id.* at 3,244.

³ *Id.*

⁴ See *id.* at 3,255, 3,257–58, 3,264, 3,272–73.

⁵ U.S. Forest Service Alaska Region, Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Inventoried Roadless Areas at 6 (Jan. 2018), https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd495343.pdf.

employment-related earnings to the southeast Alaska economy in 2016.⁶ The fact that the Tongass old-growth logging program is completely dependent on tens of millions of dollars in annual subsidies from U.S. taxpayers further eviscerates the petition's purported justification.⁷

For all of these reasons, the State of Alaska's petition for rulemaking should be denied. Initiating rulemaking regarding the Roadless Rule will drain USDA resources that are already stretched precariously thin. It will mire the Forest Service in a protracted, multi-year process to overturn long-standing and well-reasoned decisions, all but ensuring years of litigation. And given the complexity of USDA's existing administrative record, the sheer size of the Tongass in the overall National Forest System, and the unique contribution the Tongass plays in accomplishing the Roadless Rule's established goals and objectives, the environmental review associated with any exemption rulemaking would necessitate a national process, including public meetings held throughout the country. If, despite all of these concerns, USDA seeks to revisit the decision to apply the Roadless Rule to the crown jewel of the National Forest System, then it should provide a minimum scoping comment period of 90 days to ensure sufficient opportunity for communities, tribes, and the public to engage on an issue of such enormous controversy.

Finally, the State of Alaska's efforts to undermine the Roadless Rule by revising or amending the Tongass Land Management Plan (the Tongass Forest Plan) should also be denied. The Tongass Forest Plan reflects the unanimous recommendation of a diverse collaborative committee, including representatives from the State of Alaska and the timber industry, which unanimously recommended that the Forest Service should prohibit logging on roadless areas. The State of Alaska's post hoc efforts to disavow its own recommendations should be rejected.

We urge you to maintain the Roadless Rule and its vital protections for the National Forest System and the Tongass.

Respectfully,

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⁶ See Southeast Conference, Southeast Alaska by the Numbers at 4 (Sept. 2017), <http://www.seconference.org/sites/default/files/Southeast%20Alaska%20by%20the%20numbers%202017%20FINAL.pdf>.

⁷ See, e.g., U. S. Government Accountability Office, Tongass National Forest: Forest Service's Actions Related to its Planned Timber Program Transition at 7 (Apr. 2016), <https://www.gao.gov/assets/680/676788.pdf>.

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To: [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Gordon, Julie - OSEC](#)
Subject: Catch up with U/S Hubbard
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From: [Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [\(b\) \(6\) - OSEC, Washington, DC](#) **Secretary Perdue**
Cc: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC](#); [Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Speeches
Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 1:53:06 PM
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[20171201-Western-Governors.docx](#)

Sir – Attached are the remarks for the Ag Retailers event and the Western Governors event. They will also be attached in Outlook for those events.

Perhaps we can discuss them in our communications meeting tomorrow.



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From: [Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [\(b\) \(6\) - OSEC, Washington, DC](#) Secretary Perdue
Subject: RE: Summary on Memorandum of Understanding between State of Alaska and USDA for Roadless Rulemaking Effort
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 1:45:33 PM

Thank you Mr. Secretary

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Subject: Re: Summary on Memorandum of Understanding between State of Alaska and USDA for Roadless Rulemaking Effort

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On Aug 1, 2018, at 1:15 PM, Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Dan.Jiron@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Mr. Secretary,

This follow up from my last email...

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4. If you approve the news release, it will be fine to move forward with it, (b) (5)
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Thanks in advance and we will continue to oversee the work to meet our commitments on this project.

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From: "Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Dan.Jiron@osec.usda.gov>
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 5:49:30 PM
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Mr. Secretary –

I know that you have been sent a draft news release on Alaska... (b)(5) pre-decisional

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Let me know if

you need more or concerned about the track we are on at this point. Thanks,

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Cc: [Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Alaska Delegation Welcomes Agreement Launching Work on Alaska Roadless Rule
Date: Friday, August 3, 2018 9:12:05 AM
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Thanks Mr. Secretary, we are moving forward quickly on Alaska work and I will be holding us to timelines.

Also I'm going to send you later today a draft agenda (b)(5) pre-decisional deliberative

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[REDACTED] Thanks again for your work and support.

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Subject: Re: Alaska Delegation Welcomes Agreement Launching Work on Alaska Roadless Rule

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Alaska Delegation Welcomes Agreement Launching Work on Alaska Roadless Rule

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan and Rep. Don Young, all R-Alaska, today released the following statements after the State of Alaska and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to officially initiate the rulemaking process to develop an Alaska-specific Roadless Rule, ensuring greater access to our national forests.

“As I have said many times before, the Roadless Rule has never made sense in Alaska. I welcome today’s announcement, which will help put us on a path to ensure the Tongass is once again a working forest and a multiple use forest for all who live in southeast,” **Murkowski said**. “I thank Secretary Perdue for recognizing the need for economic relief in these communities, and look forward to continuing to work with the administration, state officials, Sen. Sullivan, and Congressman Young to see this process through to the finish line.”

“I welcome this first step to set forest management and the economy of Southeast Alaska back on track,” **Sullivan said**. “The Roadless Rule as applied to Alaska doesn’t work—it doesn’t work for our timber or mining industries and it doesn’t work for hydro and other renewable energy development either. As even the Supreme Court has recognized, Alaska is different. I am glad the Forest Service is committed to work with the State of Alaska and the people affected by its policies to create a more workable regulation that can provide for responsible development.”

“I have always maintained that the roadless rule does not work in Alaska. It not only violates ANILCA, but it has made the timber industry in Southeast Alaska difficult to sustain,” **Young said**. “This one-size-fits-all approach doesn’t account for Alaska’s unique history and geography. I thank Secretary Perdue for his leadership and look forward to continuing to work with him, as well as my colleagues in Congress, to ensure Alaska’s national forests are properly managed.”

The MOU signing comes roughly a month after [Secretary Perdue’s visit](#) with Murkowski to Prince of Wales Island, which allowed him to see firsthand the challenges presented by a “one-size-fits all” Roadless Rule. During his trip, Perdue heard directly from community leaders about the need to have a working forest that allows for multiple use to build a stronger, more sustainable economy in southeast Alaska.

The Tongass, which is the nation’s largest national forest, spans 16.7 million acres, but federal regulatory restrictions, particularly the Roadless Rule, are impacting access for timber, hunting, mining, recreation, and even renewable energy development. The result is a weaker regional economy, as local communities face higher energy costs and fewer employment opportunities.

A notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the rulemaking will be published in the Federal Register this summer, and will provide an opportunity for local stakeholders to weigh in during the process.

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Subject: RE: Wyden call
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 3:48:06 PM
Attachments: [Fire Funding-Forest Management Strategy Paper.docx](#)

Sir---in addition to the note below (b)(5) pre-decisional deliberative

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Subject: Wyden call

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Good luck!

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Subject: RE: Murkowski update
Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 3:08:40 PM

Thanks. Good notes and list.

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Subject: Murkowski update

Here's an update on the four follow-up items from the Murkowski meeting:

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Cc: [Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Bcc: [Christiansen, Victoria C -FS](#)
Subject: Forest Service Status Update -May 13
Date: Sunday, May 13, 2018 3:27:14 PM

Mr. Secretary, Here is a high level update from the Forest Service:

- 1). Thank you for hosting members of Congress for the 2018 Fire Outlook briefing and roundtable discussion this week. I hear very clearly that the ball is in our court to get more work done on the ground and I'm committed to doing just that working with State Foresters, DOI and other partners.
- 2). On May 2nd I joined Senator Crapo, Senator Risch, Senator Wyden and Congressman Simpson for a Fire Outlook briefing and press conference at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise. They were very appreciative that I came out on your behalf.
- 3). In the past two weeks I have visited with four employee groups articulating my expectations about improvement and accountability for our Work Environment AND the expectations for streamlining work processes and getting more done on the ground with new authorities etc.
- 4). On one of those trips I had a good interview with California National Public Radio about our efforts to improve the Work Environment and the Fire Funding Fix.
- 5). I'm working closely with our team on the Alaska roadless situation and preparing materials for you to talk with the Governor. I will be checking in with the Alaska State Forester, Chris Maisch, when I visit with the Council of Western State Foresters later this week.
- 6). I'm heading out to California today (Sunday) for a field tour on Monday hosted by Congressman McClintock, along with representatives of the Forest products industry, to discuss the serious tree mortality situation in CA.
- 7). I had a good meeting with the delegation of Forest Service retirees after they met with you. We are joining forces to work across federal agencies to streamline assessment and approvals for the Endangered Species Act and other federal laws.

Mr. Secretary, I would like to express a sincere thank you for your leadership on the fire funding fix. I know you said at the reception that "the football was fumbled in the end zone and you just fell on it," but your focused efforts and leadership was far more than scoring on a fumble in the end zone.....you made the difference in getting it done once and for all! With appreciation, ~Vicki

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To: [\(b\) \(6\) OSEC, Washington, DC](#) [Secretary Perdue](#)
Subject: Accepted: FW: Alaska Roadless Rule, Water & Brief before Governor Martinez

From: [Starling, Raymond - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
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Cc: [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Rottenberg, Carmen - FSIS](#); [Bachmann, Peter - OCR, Washington, DC](#); [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Crowe, Taylor - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Sydow, Sharon - OCE](#)
Subject: Hoeven Call Prep Reading
Date: Monday, September 10, 2018 12:11:30 PM
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Mr. Secretary,

Here are some high points on three issues. First, of course is the cell-based meat issue. Second is an issue we were told he would likely raise with you regarding road construction in the Little Missouri National Grasslands. Third is the basis issue you referenced this morning.

CELL-BASED MEAT

The current house appropriations language reads:

SEC. _____. For fiscal year 2018 and hereafter, the Secretary [of Agriculture] shall regulate products made from cells of amenable species of livestock, as defined in the Federal Meat Inspection Act, or poultry, as defined in the Poultry Products Inspection act, grown under controlled conditions for use as human food. As appropriate for such products, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall evaluate the processes and technologies used to produce such products to ensure their safety, and conduct a risk assessment, as necessary, and the Secretary [of Agriculture] shall participate in that evaluation and risk assessment, as appropriate. Upon completion of that evaluation and risk assessment, the Secretary [of Agriculture] may promulgate any additional regulations necessary to ensure the production of safe and wholesome products, and other requirements necessary to prevent the adulteration and misbranding of such products.

For conversation with Senator Hoeven:

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This is consistent with the Secretary's statement on the record that products marketed as "meat" should be regulated by the same Agency that regulates the \$800 billion/year meat and poultry industry.

- A simple chart below show's USDA's preference regarding the manufacture of products derived from livestock and poultry:

				
Inspection of animal source of cells (ante- and - post mortem), as applicable	Extraction of cells from live animals and approval and regulation of associated technology	Approval of cell growth medium, "feed" for cells, and cell scaffolding *	Cell growth into meat and poultry products (proliferation, differentiation, and growth)	Product processing, packaging, and labeling

*FDA determines the safety of ingredients, processing aids, and other substances used in food and prescribes safe conditions of use. FSIS refers to these determinations when regulating traditionally produced meat, poultry, and egg products and would do so when regulating cellular agriculture. FDA and EPA also develop tolerances for drugs, pesticides and other chemical residues found in food. FSIS refers to these determinations when regulating traditionally produced meat, poultry, and egg products and would do so when regulating cellular agriculture.

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EASEMENT ISSUE – We were told (b)(5) pre-decisional deliberative

This issue is about the state's interest in putting roads in certain grassland areas USDA controls. USDA is not allowed to grant an easement unless certain statutory criteria are met. The USDA's position is to uphold the federal law and (b)(5) pre-decisional deliberative

Here are notes prepared by OGC:

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